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## **63 New Cases Reported Today; California to Keep Current Mask Guidance**

Sixty-three new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Humboldt County since Friday, bringing the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus to 4,135.

Public health officials continue to encourage residents, especially those who are unvaccinated, to wear a face covering and avoid large gatherings, adding that getting vaccinated is the best way to protect oneself and the community from the virus.

California will keep its current indoor masking guidance without change until June 15, the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) agency announced today.

CHHS Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly announced the continuation of the existing guidance in a virtual news conference Monday morning. Dr. Ghaly said California reviewed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance and decided to stay with June 15 as the date those who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask.

Three Pfizer first-dose vaccination clinics are scheduled over the next three weeks. All county residents age 12 and older can sign up to receive this vaccine at [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov). Appointments are encouraged but not required.

These Pfizer clinics will be held at College of the Redwoods, located at 7351 Tompkins Hill Road in Eureka. See the schedule of first-dose clinics below.

- Thursday, May 20 – 2 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 27 – 2 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 2 – 2 to 6 p.m.

In addition to stating a child's age when signing up on My Turn, parents or guardians of minors must provide written consent in person at the vaccination clinic. A consent form will be provided.

Humboldt County Public Health encourages parents to talk to their kids about the COVID-19 vaccine before arriving for the appointment. CDC-recommended advice includes:

- Be honest with your child. Explain that shots can pinch or sting, but that it won't hurt for long.
- Engage other family members, especially older siblings, to support your child.
- Avoid telling scary stories or making threats about shots.
- Remind your child that vaccines can keep him or her healthy.

Read more here: [cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/before-during-after-shots.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/before-during-after-shots.html)

Anyone with questions about signing up through My Turn can call the state's COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-422-4255.

Residents are still encouraged to contact their primary care provider to discuss vaccine-related health care. Another resource includes [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), which locates nearby pharmacies with vaccine availability.

View the Humboldt County Data Dashboard online at [humboldt.gov.org/dashboard](https://humboldt.gov.org/dashboard), or go to [humboldt.gov.org/DashboardArchives](https://humboldt.gov.org/DashboardArchives) to download today's data.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov). Local information is available at [humboldt.gov.org](https://humboldt.gov.org) or by contacting [covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us) or calling 707-441-5000.

Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://MyTurn.ca.gov)

Check for vaccine availability at a local pharmacy: [Vaccines.gov](https://www.Vaccines.gov)

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: [humboldt.gov.org/VaccineInfo](https://humboldt.gov.org/VaccineInfo)

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: [humboldt.gov.org/Dashboard](https://humboldt.gov.org/Dashboard)

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